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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

At the Deputies' Meeting on Wednesday, 11 January, General Cabell raised the subject of the Agency signing a contract with the [REDACTED]. He explained that [REDACTED] strongly recommended such action based on [REDACTED] adherence to following strict protocol. General Cabell said that he was opposed to such action and suggested as an alternative that the two parties, i.e., representatives of the [REDACTED] and CIA, prepare memoranda for the record of their understanding covering the use of this [REDACTED]. The Director made it clear that he was opposed in any way, shape, or form of having a representative of CIA sign any agreement with a foreign government and said he would prefer that nothing be set down in writing in the case at hand. General Cabell pointed out that Messrs. Bissell, FitzGerald, and [REDACTED] support the signed agreement proposal. The Director reiterated his strong feeling against this idea and, after some discussion, it was agreed that the proposal would be discussed with Messrs. Bissell and FitzGerald upon their return from the [REDACTED] conference.

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